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September 25, 2020

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Below you will find important federal, state and local updates from the last week curated for you in one place.

Tropical Storm Beta made landfall around 10 pm Monday night. Since then it has dropped various amounts of rain in the areas around Houston. On Tuesday night the storm was downgraded and renamed Post Tropical Cyclone Beta producing storm like conditions over portions of the southeast Texas Coast. Once again our community was spared but many of our neighbors to the south received damage from rainfall and storm surge. If you are aware of ways to help or contribute to survivors, please let us know and our office will share that information.

Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sincerely,



State Updates

DSHS: COVID-19 Case Dashboard

Texas Case Counts

COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

DSHS 7-DAY COVID DASHBOARD

As of September 18, 2020

CASES

653,356

+ 28,885

OVER PAST 7 DAYS

+ 4.42%

OVER PAST 7 DAYS

TRAUMA SERVICE AREAS

7-Day Percentage of Lab-Confirmed COVID-19 out of
All Hospitalized Patients

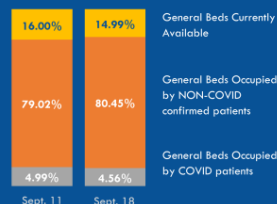
TSA	Major Metro Area	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18
A	Amarillo	6.5%	7.2%	10.5%	11.0%	10.1%	10.1%	8.9%
B	Lubbock	8.6%	8.7%	9.4%	9.4%	8.4%	7.4%	7.2%
C	Wichita Falls	8.9%	8.4%	7.8%	9.0%	8.3%	9.3%	10.2%
D	Abilene	5.1%	6.2%	6.5%	6.2%	6.5%	5.9%	5.6%
E	Dallas/Ft. Worth	6.5%	6.8%	7.7%	6.8%	6.3%	6.3%	6.2%
F	Paris	10.6%	11.7%	12.5%	11.2%	10.7%	10.3%	9.7%
G	Longview/Tyler	9.8%	10.0%	10.4%	10.8%	10.4%	10.4%	9.8%
H	Lufkin	11.5%	7.7%	10.5%	12.2%	11.7%	13.3%	11.1%
I	El Paso	8.5%	8.6%	8.9%	8.9%	8.7%	8.7%	9.1%
J	Midland/Odessa	9.1%	9.1%	8.6%	9.3%	9.2%	10.5%	7.9%
K	San Angelo	10.7%	10.1%	9.1%	9.5%	8.8%	7.2%	6.7%
L	Belton/Killeen	3.5%	3.9%	4.0%	4.0%	4.7%	4.3%	4.4%
M	Waco	9.4%	8.0%	8.8%	9.2%	9.5%	9.4%	8.5%
N	Bryan/College Station	5.2%	4.9%	3.8%	3.6%	2.9%	2.6%	3.2%
O	Austin	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.0%	3.7%	3.3%	3.1%
P	San Antonio	7.3%	7.0%	7.2%	7.1%	4.1%	5.9%	5.8%
Q	Houston	4.9%	5.2%	5.1%	5.1%	4.8%	4.9%	4.5%
R	Galveston	9.5%	10.1%	9.8%	10.5%	9.8%	8.2%	9.0%
S	Victoria	19.8%	20.0%	24.2%	21.9%	21.2%	19.7%	18.5%
T	Laredo	27.7%	30.1%	30.4%	29.0%	26.4%	27.0%	26.4%
U	Corpus Christi	13.3%	12.8%	12.1%	12.9%	12.2%	11.8%	11.2%
V	Lower RGV	19.9%	22.5%	22.8%	20.4%	18.7%	17.9%	17.1%
ALL		7.5%	7.7%	8.0%	7.8%	7.0%	7.2%	6.9%

[Visit the DSHS Coronavirus Case Counts Dashboard](#)

CURRENT COVID-CONFIRMED PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL
3,172 **-8.22%**
TOTAL OVER PAST 7 DAYS

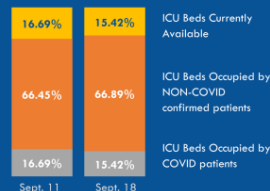
GENERAL BEDS: NON-COVID vs. COVID

2,034
GENERAL PATIENTS
- 8.58%
OVER PAST 7 DAYS



ICU BEDS: NON-COVID vs. COVID

1,107
ICU PATIENTS
- 7.60%
OVER PAST 7 DAYS



[Visit the DSHS Hospital Counts Dashboard](#)

DSHS FUNDS
\$980,776,899
TOTAL EXPENDITURES

RESOURCES

5,908	702	850+	980+
Staff Supporting Hospitals	Alternate Care Beds Secured	O ₂ Concentrators Distributed	Ventilators Distributed

CONTACT TRACING

3,813	17,694	48	\$64.4 M
State & Local Contact Tracers Active	Cases/Contacts Possible Per Day in Texas Health Trace	LHEs voluntarily supported by Texas Health Trace	Call Center & Staff Expenditures for Texas Health Trace

[Click Here to the Visit Texas Health Trace Website](#)

George Strait - Don't Mess with Texas PSA



DPS Announces Saturday Appointments through December

TXDPS - September 21, 2020 DPS Announces Saturday...

AUSTIN - At the direction of Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is announcing Saturday appointment availability through the end of the year. Many driver license (DL) offices

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Secretary Hughs Marks National Voter Registration Day, Urges All Eligible Texans To Register To Vote By October 5th

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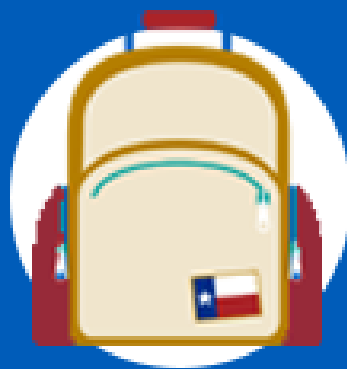
Texas Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs today invited all eligible Texans to celebrate and participate in National Voter Registration Day by ensuring they are registered to vote ahead of the October 5th voter registration deadline for the November ...

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DSHS Disaster Supply Checklist

Be prepared for the unexpected.



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TEXAS READY.**

With Unemployment Rate Dropping
Texas will not receive HUP extension



With Unemployment Rate Dropping Texas will not receive...

Date: September 24, 2020 Media Contact: James Bernsen Phone: 512-636-6994 AUSTIN - With Texas' unemployment rate falling to 6.8 percent, Texas will no longer have access to additional unemployment insurance benefits that would have kicked in...

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TDEM: Find a COVID Testing Site Near You



House Public Education Committee Issues Requests For Information (RFIs)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and challenges in scheduling public hearings at this time, the House Committee on Public Education is conducting necessary oversight functions through an information gathering process under Section 301.014, Government Code.

This is notice that the House Committee on Public Education is seeking information and input from state agencies, interested parties, and the public in regard to the topics and questions outlined below. Submissions received in response to this request will be transmitted to members of the committee and posted on the House website.

The Committee has issued several RFIs to garner responses regarding COVID-19 and [Interim Charges](#). Each RFI can be viewed at the links below:

- **Interim Charge 1:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900001.HTM>
- **Interim Charge 2:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900002.HTM>
- **Interim Charge 3:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900003.HTM>
- **Interim Charge 4:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900004.HTM>
- **COVID-19:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900005.HTM>

Submission Guidelines

- Submissions must be in Microsoft Word, written in a 10-point font or larger.
- Please submit a separate document for each topic to which you are responding.
- Submissions are to be limited to 5 pages of text in length.
- Submissions must be submitted via e-mail to education@house.texas.gov

Please include the following information in the submission email: submitter name, organization, or entity (if applicable and an authorized representative), mailing address, email, and telephone number.

The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Comments received in response to this Request for Information will be publicly posted on TLO, TLIS, and the House website. When submitting comments, please remove any personal identifying information, such as your personal phone number, residence address, or e-mail address. In the event it becomes feasible to safely conduct a public meeting, the Committee reserves the right to hold an in-person hearing on these charges.

Harris County Public Health Dashboard



Harris County
Public Health
Building a Healthy Community

Many Houston Health Department-affiliated COVID-19 Testing Sites Re-Open After Tropical Storm Beta



CitizensNet

Many Houston Health Department-affiliated COVID-19 Testing Sites Re-Open After Tropical Storm Beta The following Houston Health Department-affiliated COVID-19 testing sites are OPEN with modified hours on Wednesday, September 23, 2020: Butler...

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H.D. 127 Updates

PPP Loan Forgiveness Overview and Q&A



PPP Loan Forgiveness Overview and Q&A

PPP Loan Forgiveness Overview and Q A The Houston SBA District office will discuss key factors the borrower should consider when completing the Loan Forgiveness Application. We will also walk you step-by-step through the application and answer...

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web.lakehouston.org

Four SJRA Projects Advance in State Grant Process



San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) announced Thursday that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) ranked four of its five proposed flood infrastructure projects as priorities for the 2020 Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) cycle, advancing SJRA one step closer to funding for the projects.

With this selection, SJRA is now invited to submit full applications for the four projects to the TWDB for grant approval.

The Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) program was made possible by Senate Bill 7 sponsored by Senator Brandon Creighton. Passed by the Legislature and approved by Texas voters through a constitutional amendment last year, the FIF program provides financial assistance in the form of loans and grants for flood control, flood mitigation, and drainage projects. In the two-stage process, applicants first submitted an abridged application for each project. TWDB then ranked the projects and prioritized them within the overall available funding capacity.

As with most Texas river authorities, SJRA is not a taxing entity and its revenue comes from services it provides to customer groups, therefore regional and local partnerships as well as local-match funding are necessary for these large-scale flood mitigation projects.

"Hundreds of abridged applications were submitted by entities—cities, counties, other political subdivisions—as part of this competitive process. We are very proud SJRA was selected to move ahead in the approval process on four of our five abridged applications," said Chuck Gilman, SJRA Director of Water Resources and Flood Management. "The next step is to find local partners who, along with SJRA, will commit to the local-match funding and in-kind services. These large-scale, impactful projects come with a very high price tag. It will take a regional approach with various funding commitments to see these projects through to completion. The FIF funding is an essential piece of that process."

According to FIF criteria, eligible projects must fall under one of four categories:

- Flood Protection Planning for Watersheds
- Planning, Acquisition, and Design, Construction/Rehabilitation
- Federal Award Matching Funds
- Measures Immediately Effective in Protecting Life and Property

TWDB is expected to review the full applications and make final selections for grant and loan funding later this year.

SJRA proposed projects headed to the next round

- Upper San Jacinto River Basin Regional Sedimentation Study would identify and create a plan for implementing potential sedimentation solutions in the Upper San Jacinto River Basin (Lake Houston watershed) by evaluating the input, output, and storage of sediment for the entire basin as well as for sub-watersheds within the basin.
- Spring Creek Watershed Flood Control Dams Conceptual Engineering Feasibility Study would perform a conceptual engineering feasibility study of two potential dam/reservoir locations within the Spring Creek watershed.

This project is proposed as a continuation or next phase of the *Spring Creek Siting Study*, which is currently being completed as a sub-task to the San Jacinto Regional Watershed Master Drainage Plan project being performed by the Harris County Flood Control District and supported by SJRA and other regional partners.

- Lake Conroe – Lake Houston Joint Reservoir Operations Study would develop a joint reservoir operations and communications strategy for Lake Conroe and Lake Houston.

The City of Houston is currently in the design phase of a project to add new tainter gates at the Lake Houston dam which could greatly increase the controlled release capacity of the dam. The main goal of

the plan is to determine the most efficient and safe operation of the two reservoirs in series by evaluating multiple individual components of operational strategy. The project will include evaluation of the operational synergy between the two reservoirs, joint notification and communications protocols, pre-release, impacts on water supply, and the use of forecasting tools. This project is beneficial to both water supply and flood mitigation in the region.

- Flood Early Warning System for San Jacinto County would provide for installation of rain and river/stream stage gaging equipment at three locations identified as critical by San Jacinto County to provide early warning information to the county during storm events.

The identified gage locations are Winters Bayou at State Highway 150, East Fork San Jacinto River at FM 945, and Peach Creek at FM 3081. Rain and river/stream stage data obtained at the sites would be transmitted to SJRA's ALERT2 network and displayed on SJRA's Contrail system which can be viewed online via SJRA's website, allowing San Jacinto County staff and residents to easily access and view the data at any time.

One of the major river authorities in Texas, SJRA's mission is to develop, conserve, and protect the water resources of the San Jacinto River basin. Covering all or part of seven counties, the organization's jurisdiction includes the entire San Jacinto River watershed, excluding Harris County.

Grand Parkway Traffic Impacts



Capitol Office Closure

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